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Columbia Broadcasting System
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen,

Enclosed are copies of two of the letters I have written to Mr. Royal E. Blakeman, counsel for the Merv Griffin Show, requesting equal time for response under the fairness doctrine. The response I desire to make is to those things said by Mr. Percy Foreman in this show.

Mr. Blakeman rejected my requests without referring me to the network.

Hereafter I send copies of this correspondence to the FCC.

It has just informed me that the proper form is to make the request of the network hence I herewith make the same request of you.

If, as I hope, you will see fit to honor this request without my pursuing it furth, I will be satisfied, as I think the regulations also would be, if I were given the opportunity on the same show and if, should it be desired, I were restricted to responding to only those things Mr. Foreman said on one side of this controversial is ue.

At the time of the first request I had a book on "the other side" then current. At the time of my personal first request, the book was largely off the shelves. Now it is / sale virtually now here. I think it is obvious that my purpose is not personal gain.

I also enclose a few reviews of this book so you may understand that I own and qualify as an expert on the subject. The Show was given a copy when the book first appeared.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

cc: Mr. Joseph Franco, CBS Washington